

James and William Smith House
106 Main Street
Roslyn
Naussau County
New York

HABS No. NY-6055

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STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY NASSAU	TOWN OR VICINITY ROSLYN
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) JAMES AND WILLIAM SMITH HOUSE		HABS NO. NY-6055
SECNDNARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 106 Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1836	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Part of the Main Street Historic District of Roslyn.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two-and-one-half stories, three bays, side hall plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gabled roof; veranda extending over east (main elevation) with lattice piers and hipped roof; side entrance door with transom and side-lights.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Pine flooring (10 inch); main stair rail cherry wood.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1856 Eaves extended, shutters changed to 1856 Barn: addition to east louvres 1880 Barn: west wing addition 1971 Restored by Captain and Mrs. Roger Gerry		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private Residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The house was built in 1836 by a tailor, James Smith. It was eventually bought by William H. Smith, a blacksmith, who lived there until his death in 1895. Sold at auction to William C. Smith (son) in 1895, the house remained in the Smith family until 1971 when it was bought by Capt. and Mrs. Roger Gerry of Roslyn. Chain of Title		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) see Pg. 2.		
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Chain of Title

1. John Willis to Captain James W. Smith, merchant tailor, by deed of 1 April 1835. Liber KK of Deeds, page 134.
2. Mortgage by James and Ann Smith on property. Queens Co. Liber CC of Mortgages, page 390. 30 April 1836.
3. Sale of small section of landholding, including first Smith house (no longer standing). James and Ann Smith to Daniel Hegeman, tinsmith, by deed dated January 1836. Queens County Liber QQ of Deeds, page 307.
4. Bankruptcy of Captain James W. Smith, November of 1840. Proceedings specify that his land is to be sold at public auction.
5. Captain James W. Smith to Jacob Dillingham, his father-in-law and apprentice, by public auction of 8 February 1841. Queens Co. Liber 53 page 385.
6. Jacob Dillingham to Charles Baxter, blacksmith, by deed dated 3 February 1845. Queens Co. Liber 64 of Deeds, page 391.
7. Charles Baxter to William H. Smith, blacksmith, March 1856.. This William Smith was the progenitor of the family who lived in the house from 1856 to 1970.
8. William H. Smith (Estate of) to William C. Smith (his son), by public auction of 28 September 1896. Queens Co. Liber 1129 of Deeds, page 349.
9. William C. Smith to his wife Martha by probated will.
10. Martha Smith to her daughter Jessie by probated will.
11. Jessie Smith (Estate of) to Dr. and Mrs. Roger G. Gerry by deed,